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SUBJECT: FRANCO-GUINEAN RELATIONS

1. FOLLOWING THE JOINT FRANCO-GUINEAN COMMUNIQUE, PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT JULY 14: "I LEARNED OF THE DECLARATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA WITH GREAT SATISFACTION. AN ABNORMAL SITUATION BETWEEN FRANCE AND GUINEA IS GOING TO COME TO AN END. A PAINFUL PAGE HAS BEEN TURNED. NEW PROSPECTS FOR COOPERATION ARE HENCEFORTH OPEN BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE MANY MEMORIES AND INTERESTS IN COMMON. FAITHFUL TO ITS CALLING, FRANCE WISHES TO COOPERATE, WITHOUT ANY EXCLUSIVITY, WITH ALL THE NATIONS OF THE THIRD WORLD AND IN PARTICULAR WITH THOSE WHICH SPEAK OUR LANGUAGE. PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE WANTED THE DATE CHOSEN FOR THIS RECONCILIATION TO BE THE FOURTEENTH OF JULY, NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT IS THE FRENCH NATIONAL HOLIDAY BUT BECAUSE IT IS THE FESTIVAL OF LIBERTY IN THE WORLD. I THANK HIM FOR HIS THOUGHT AND FOR HIS GESTURE."

2. THE EIGHTEEN FRENCH PRISONERS RELEASED BY GUINEA ARRIVED IN PARIS JULY 15 ON A SPECIAL FRENCH GOVERNMENT PLANE. THE PRESS IS BEGINNING TO CARRY REPORTS OF THEIR UNCLASSIFIED

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HARDSHIPS IN GUINEAN JAILS.

3. FINALLY, LE MONDE OF JULY 16 CARRIED THE FOLLOWING
COMMUNIQUE FROM THE REGROUPEMENT DES GUINEENS A
L'EXTERIEUR (RGE): "WE KNOW THAT WITH HIS COMPLEXES AND
HIS PARANOIC MANIA SEKOU TOURE IS INCAPABLE OF CONDUCTING
IN AN ACTIVE, SUSTAINED MANNER A REAL POLICY OF COOPERA-
TION."

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